

**Budget and Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2003-8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Boardroom**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Laurie Reiter called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Those present: Anthony Waupochick, Ann Marie Johnson, Dan Maine, Kathy Kaquatosh and Michael Chapman (late). Also present for the meeting was, Jeremy Weso, Devin Wynos, Renee Caldwell, Bernard Vigue and Don Reiter.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2003-**

Motion made by Tony Waupochick to approve the minutes dated March 27, 2003. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Review Funding Requests-**

Don Reiter was present to request funding to send some of his staff to the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Region-Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. Don stated that he and Dusty Miller are already going and that the Society is paying for their hotel and their per diem but they don't cover the registration fee per of \$150 per person. Don would like some of the game wardens and the secretary to go also. There is no money in the budget for the travel. Don was asking the committee if there was money somewhere to cover the cost.

Committee members went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue and decided that sending more than Don and Dusty would be a luxury which the tribe just doesn't have. Committee stated that having the two people attend the conference is enough representation.

Don also asked if the tribe would sponsor a coffee break of \$300 to \$600. Other tribes have been asked and are sponsoring. Committee believes that \$300 may be found. Committee doesn't feel comfortable speaking on behalf of a departments budget and would like Don to go back to the Director of Conservation to see if there is any money available.

Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to send the travel request from Don Reiter back to the Department for approval from the Director and to see if the funds are available in their budget. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Don Reiter was also present to request funding for the 2003 Beaver Subsidy Request for the amount of \$5,250. The cost is to cover the cost of paying trappers to kill beaver. Menominee Tribal Enterprises has already agreed to pay \$5,250. The cost will cover the removal of 350 beaver. Don explained that it is very important to remove the beavers because they damage the trout streams and the forest.

Motion made by Tony Waupochick to take \$5,250 out of Contingency to match the Menominee Tribal Enterprise amount for the beaver subsidy. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Committee went over the request for money from Tina Lyons and Ashley Peters. The two girls are members of the Youth Alliance at the High School and would like to attend a youth conference in South Dakota. Chairperson Reiter stated that the girls did not approach the Boys and Girls Club and there are some other programs that may be able to help. Chairperson Reiter suggested that the request go to the Youth Providers meeting.

Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to send the request for money from Tina Lyons and Ashley Peters to the Youth Providers meeting that will be held on May 1, 2003. Motion was seconded by Tony Waupochick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Committee briefly reviewed the requests for money from the Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Fund and from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and decided that they were requests that are sent to many other organizations and since the tribe in the past has denied the requests, the committee has no choice but to deny the requests because there still is not any money in the budget.

Motion made by Tony Waupochick to deny the request for funds from the Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Fund due to lack of funds the tribe has available. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tony Waupochick to deny the request for funds from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians due to the lack of funds the tribe has available. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

5. **FY 04 Budget Discussion-**

Michael Chapman arrived at 10:25 a.m.

Tribal Administration compiled packets of all the budgets that were turned in and committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the budgets. Committee was informed that the Courts, Election and Head Start did not turn in a budgets. Committee talked about what can be done to those departments that turn in their budgets late.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding process for reviewing budgets and feel some system needs to be developed that can be followed year after year.

Committee Chairperson Reiter stated that the committee needs to see copies of the Casino budget and transfers.

Committee decided that at the next meeting they will go through the budgets and prioritize them. Next meeting is scheduled for April 30 2003 at 8:30 a.m. Chairperson Reiter stated that she wants to make sure the meeting only lasts until noon because she has to get to her other job.

6. **Other Business-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the hiring of a Curriculum person with the Language and Culture Commission. Chairperson Reiter stated that Menominee Indian School District has already committed to paying \$40,000 and is looking for the tribe to match the amount. Chairperson Reiter stated that the Legislature was looking at department for funds to match the amount and two departments that came up were Tribal School and Community Development. The Legislature thought that the Tribal School had \$90,000 left over but actually only has \$8,000. Bernard Vigue from Community Development was present and showed the committee that his budget does look like he has available funds but the funds are earmarked.

Chairperson Reiter stated that she doesn't feel comfortable approving the funding at this time. Committee would like to send the issue to the Grants Writers to see if they can possibly find grants to pay for the position.

Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to wait until BIA allocations come in next month before recommending funding the curriculum position. Motion was seconded by Tony Waupochick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-absent. Motion carried.

7. **Adjournment-**

Motion made by Tony Waupochick to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Michael Chapman. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services